

Uniontown Jan 15 1863

Dear Frank

I received yours of the 9
to day and was very glad to hear from you
once more as it is the first news we have
had from your regiment since the 30 of Dec
you were then under marching orders and we did
not know where you were all this time I was
expecting to hear from you away down south
but I thank the good being you are still on
this side of the Rappahannock and in good health
you say you have not got an answer to any
of your letters which you have written since you
were there I have answered every one of them but
maybe I do not put enough on them you
have never given me your Division or Brigade
as to money I think if nothing happens I have enough
to last me until the first of April and pay my
rent besides, ^{so} you need not be uneasy about that
but if you are paid I want you to send every cent
home only what you need for you will only
lose it there, Mrs Moore is going to send
Abel a box and if there is any thing you need

I want you to let me know. and I will send
it to you I suppose some paper and envelopes
will not come amiss and she wants to know the
exact way to direct your letters so the box
will not get mislaid. I have rented the same
house I am in for next year Shile's did not notify
me to leave it and when I paid my rent they
asked me if I were going to stay in it another year
I told them it was owing to what arrangements
could be made they said I could have it at
the same price I had last year without security
or writings so I told them I would keep it
your father talks of going to the army in the spring
on a money making expedition but what I do not
know Geo. was here the other day he said he was
going to Beverly again he wanted me to Board
Ludie till spring but I told him I could not
do it for it was as much as I could do to do
my own work and take care of my children
but I did not tell him the main reason which
was the pay Andy Prentice told me he had written
to you some time ago and you had not answered it
David Porter has got back from the army
if you know anything of Thomas Cole let me know

I believe I have given you all the news
I can think of now only we are well
and I hope you are the same. the smallpox
are prevailing to such an extent in Harrisburg
that they are going to move the legislature
to Philadelphia I want you to get vaccinated
poor poor you have run out and if you move
back to Washington where there are good dentists
I want you to have those teeth of yours attend
ed to as I am told you suffer a good deal
with toothache which must be very disagreeable
you say you get no news I suppose it is well
enough to keep what there is from the army
for it is not very encouraging there is a talk
now of the Western States seceding from
the eastern cutting the Union in three
the Illinois legislature has appointed a comm^{tee}
to wait on the Governor to ask him to recall
the Illinois troops and if he refuses means
are to resorted to to force him to comply but
how it will end nobody knows but I will
send you some papers by mail and will try
and get you a good lot and send in. I hope
Remember your own dearest and nearest friend Lib

I will enclose a stenup and paper and
envelopes in this and I want you
to write & forgot to tell you that
Lallie can climb up to a chair and stand